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TO: All Iowa Medicaid Providers

APPLIES TO: Managed Care (MC) and Fee-for-Service (FFS)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: ICD-10 Diagnosis and Procedure Code Updates

EFFECTIVE: October 1, 2017

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published the final ICD-10 diagnosis and procedure code updates for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018. These 2018 ICD-10 diagnosis and procedure codes are to be used for discharges occurring from October 1, 2017, through September 30, 2018, and for member encounters occurring from October 1, 2017, through September 30, 2018.

Based on CMS updates, the IME will undertake the following updates:

- Adding 360 new ICD-10 diagnosis codes
- Adding 3,562 new ICD-10 procedure codes
- Removing 142 invalid ICD-10 diagnosis codes
- Removing 646 invalid ICD-10 procedure codes
- Revising 226 ICD-10 diagnosis codes, based on CMS updated descriptions.
- Revising 1,821 ICD-10 procedure codes, based on CMS updated descriptions.

In addition to the noted code updates, the IME maintains a list of diagnosis codes that are considered emergent. This list is one of the tools used for reimbursing emergency room (ER) visits. The IME has reviewed the new ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes and will be adding an additional 65 diagnosis codes to the existing list of emergent diagnosis codes, which will be available on the [Claims and Billing](http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/providers/claims-and-billing)¹ DHS web page by October 1, 2017.

The IME appreciates your continued partnership as we work to improve the claim processing service quality and accuracy. If you have questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909 or email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.

¹ <http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/providers/claims-and-billing>